

Welcome to Shadyside Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, study, fellowship, and service of this congregation.

If you are a guest with us this morning, our ushers are available to assist you.

Nursery care is available for infants through three-year-olds during worship. Pagers are available. A cry room with a video broadcast of worship is available in the Craig Room, accessible through the Narthex.

Children in Worship - At 11:00 a.m., families with two- and three-year-olds are welcome to report directly to the Nursery. Four-year-olds through second-graders attend worship and may exit with their teachers before the sermon to participate in chapel worship and children's activities. (If you are a first-time guest, please accompany your child to the Chapel, and then you may return to the Sanctuary.) Parents should meet their children in the Christian education classrooms after worship. On the first Sunday of the month, first- and second-graders stay in worship through the entire service for Communion. A bulletin insert designed for children is available in the Narthex.

Flower Ministry - After worship, members of the Board of Deacons' Flower Ministry divide the chancel flowers into bouquets to be distributed to individuals who are celebrating joyous occasions and to those who could use some cheer. If you would like to deliver a bouquet to someone you know, please stop by the front of the Sanctuary after worship to receive one. Help us to share God's love through flowers.

Prayer Request Cards - You are invited to write on a Prayer Request Card the names of those who are sick or in need of intercessory prayer.

Enlarged bulletins and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

Fifth Avenue Parking - Parking on the inbound side of the block from Wilkins Avenue to Amberson Avenue is not available on Sunday mornings. Parking is available on the outbound side as well as both sides of Fifth Avenue from Amberson Avenue into Oakland. We appreciate your helpfulness utilizing these available parking areas on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Ministry - Every Sunday following worship, Stephen Ministers will be available in the front of the left transept to pray with anyone who would like prayer. All are welcome.

Time of Fellowship immediately follows worship. Please join us after the service for light refreshments and an opportunity to greet each other.

! Please silence cellular phones and other mobile devices while in the Sanctuary.

Order of Worship

The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude.

Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

Once the Call to Worship has begun, please wait to enter the Sanctuary until the choir has processed.

PRELUDE

Adagio

Roger Nyquist

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Emma Lou Diemer

The Lone Wild Bird

Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: **We do wait for promises to be fulfilled, for the kingdom to be realized, and for a world where wounds are tended.**

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: **Teach us Your way, O Lord, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION 251

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Winchester New

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

ORISON

Mark A. Boyle

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! This day is God's day! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad!

Text: Psalms 100 and 118

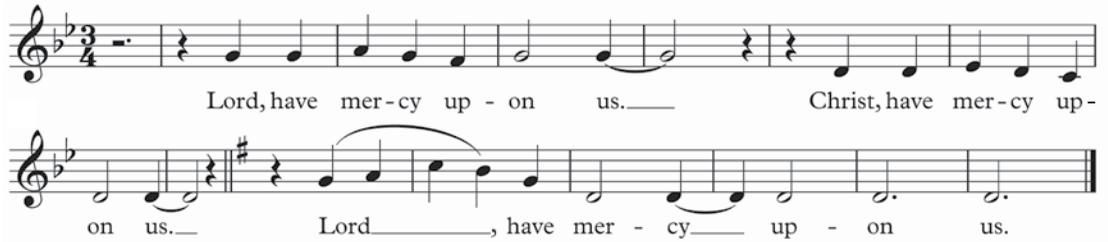
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Gracious God, we come to You with a burden of sin and doubt. We fear Your judgment, but we have nowhere else to turn. Only You have the words of eternal life that can set us free from guilt and shame. For the lies we have told, good Lord, forgive us. For the meanness of our spirits, good Lord, forgive us. For the hopes we have destroyed and the feelings we have hurt, good Lord, forgive us. For refusing Your love, for denying our need of You, good Lord, forgive us. Send Your merciful Spirit to help us mend what we have broken. Help us make a new beginning with those we have wronged. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave up everything for us.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ GLORIA PATRI *(sung in unison)*

Mark A. Anderson



Glo - ry be to the Fa ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be
world with - out end. A - - men.

Children who are participating in children's worship activities are invited to leave through the Sharp Atrium door. (If you are a first-time guest, please accompany your child to the Chapel, and then you may return to the Sanctuary.)

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:1-10

page 508 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Lift Up My Eyes

Russell G. Wichmann

Gail Roup, soprano

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Text: Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

page 185 of the New Testament in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Purpose of Thorns

The Reverend Dr. Conrad C. Sharps

▲ HYMN OF RESPONSE 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Let Us Love One Another

Alan Hovhaness

Brian Doherty, soloist

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us, for God is love.

Text: 1 John 4:7, 8, 12

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen (Hymn no. 229)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ OFFERTORY PRAYER

▲ HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Air

Henry Purcell

Notice of a Special Meeting of the Congregation

..... *Shadyside Presbyterian Church*

The members of the congregation of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Congregation has been called by the Session for Sunday, July 15, in the Sanctuary immediately following the morning service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the request of the Rev. Dr. Conrad C. Sharps that his pastoral relationship with Shadyside Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective August 31, 2018, and be so recommended to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

(Signed)

Timothy E. Nye, Clerk of Session

Today in Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of my parents, Anthony and Shirlee Iadicicco, and my brother, Bruce Iadicicco ... collectively you all lift me up! With love and grace, Lisa Iadicicco.

Ushers for July - Randy C. Adams II, Linda C. Fisher, Marilyn H. Fitzsimmons, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Frederick Porkolab, Richard H. Potter, and Carey T. Vinson. **Coordinators:** Randy C. Adams II, Mark G. Allston, Brigetta P. Del Re, Raymond P. Fitzsimmons, Elise A. Hunter, Percy M. Jackson, and Robert P. O'Neil.

About This Morning's Music

American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) received her degrees in music composition from the Yale School of Music (BM, MM) and the Eastman School of Music (PhD). She studied further in Brussels on a Fulbright Scholarship and at Tanglewood. She is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Widely published since 1957, Diemer has received annual American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) awards since 1962 for performances and publications.

Russell G. Wichmann (1912-1987) was Minister of Music at Shadyside Presbyterian Church from 1936 to 1987. Russell's compositions include some twenty-five works for choir, solo, and organ – most of which were written during his years at Shadyside Church and premiered here.

Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000), an American composer of Armenian and Scottish descent, was noted for his eclectic choice of compositional material from non-European traditions. As a student of both Bernstein and Copland, he was interested in Armenian music. He later broadened his focus to include music of Asia and the Middle East.

News and Notes

New Director of Campus Outreach – Shadyside Presbyterian Church and the Campus Ministry Mission Action Community are excited to welcome Jeffrey T. Brown to our staff as the Director of Campus Outreach. This position was created to help us in building relationships with the college campuses that surround us. With this position, we hope to explore new ways to engage our campus neighbors by being a part of their community and inviting them into ours. Read more about Jeff on the church website, and please join us in helping to make Jeff and his family feel at home in our community. If you are interested in learning more about ways to participate in our campus outreach efforts, please contact Jeff at jbrown@shadysidepres.org.

Letters of joys and concerns are on the table in the Narthex. Please take time to sign the letters.

Moms' Group – Bring your little ones and join American and international moms of young children for friendship, support, and a good cup of coffee or tea. Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) is partnering with Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries (PRISM) to host a weekly gathering at SPC on Mondays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Nursery Room. Please contact Rev. Todd Leach for details.

Freedom Camp – The Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC) needs volunteers to assist the children at Valley View Presbyterian Church (Garfield) with their art and craft projects on Tuesdays from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m., June 19 through July 17. You may volunteer for one Tuesday or for as many as you are able; we are particularly in need of volunteers for July 10. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Susan Thomson through the church office.

Young Adult Bible Study – Young adults and friends of Shadyside Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in a Bible study focusing on the Book of Acts. We typically gather from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Stamy Room. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 19. Join us as we continue to build community through study. For more information, please contact Rev. John Magnuson.

All-Church Workday – The Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC) invites you to an all-church workday, partnering with the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). We will gather in the church kitchen immediately following worship on Sunday, August 19, to prepare the meal for the EECM shelter dinner, which will be served to shelter guests on the following evening, Monday, August 20, at the EECM Community House in East Liberty. We especially welcome newcomers to join us; please consider participating even if you have not helped in this way previously. For further information, you may contact Deacon Adam Loucks through the church office. Please sign up for this opportunity in the Sharp Atrium.

Midweek Vespers in the Chapel resume on Wednesday, September 12.

Save the Date – An all-church retreat at the Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, with the option to extend your stay overnight on Saturday. Dave Bindewald, founder of the Center for Play and Exploration, will lead us in a weekend full of creativity and curiosity grounded in our Christian identity, while we connect with church friends, old and new. Please mark the date on your calendar and consider joining us!

Stephen Ministry – Our congregation’s Stephen Ministry equips lay people to use their gifts of compassion and encouragement by providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you would like information about becoming a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to be paired with a Stephen Minister for care, contact Rev. Lynn Portz or speak with one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: Janet Rohrer or Cathy Wilson.

Shadyside Presbyterian Church’s Meal Train Ministry provides meals for individuals or families in need. As needs arise, such as the celebration of a new baby or recuperation after surgery, Meal Train Ministry members are notified by email and invited to sign up through an online calendar if they are available to cook. Volunteers may either deliver the meal, or bring it frozen to the church for someone else to deliver. We are always looking for more cooks, and you are welcome to participate as your schedule allows. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Corinne Nunez by email: spchelpers@gmail.com.

Prayer Gatherings occur on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. You are invited to join us for a time of silent and spoken prayers, as we bring our concerns before God. If you cannot be with us in person, we encourage you to remember the congregation in your prayers at these same times. This is one of the many ways we can express our care for one another.

PrayerNet complements our ongoing prayer groups by lifting up urgent prayer requests. If you or a loved one are in need of urgent prayer, or if you would like to become a PrayerNet prayer partner to help lift up these requests, email member Krissy Moehling at prayernet@shadysidepres.org. Confidentiality, if requested for names and/or situations, will be maintained.

Daily Prayer – As a part of our church-wide discipleship, we follow the daily lectionary in the Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer, which also contains prayers and intimate worship services. Feel free to pick up one of the books from the bookcase in the Parlor (accessible via the Sharp Atrium) for a suggested donation of \$10. (Checks may be placed in an offering plate and made payable to “Shadyside Presbyterian Church” with “Daily Lectionary” in the memo line.) We hope you will join us on this journey of discipleship!

Church History and Architecture Books – Shadyside Presbyterian Church has published two books authored by Elder Timothy C. Engleman which explore the church’s history and architecture in depth. Both may be purchased through the church office; order forms are available in the Narthex and on the church website.

The Mini-Mouse – Sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter by providing your email address when registering your attendance in the pew pad or by sending an email message to info@shadysidepres.org.

Live Webcast – Listen to a live audio stream of our service of worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please share the link www.shadysidepres.org/live with friends and neighbors who may not be able to join us in person.

The Shadyside Presbyterian Church website, www.shadysidepres.org, provides access to audio recordings of the service of worship. Electronic copies of the bulletin also are available, as well as additional information about the church’s many programs, activities, and events.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Mars Hill Mission Experience - In partnership with the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County (www.chcmadisoncountync.org), Shadyside organizes and participates in an annual one-week intergenerational mission trip to the Appalachian region of North Carolina. Youth and adults work on home improvement projects, while children participate in age-appropriate service opportunities. All participants join together in the evening for a daily worship service. The team will arrive in Mars Hill, North Carolina, today, July 8, and return to Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 14. Please keep the team in prayer as they are serving Christ through their actions.

Ellen L. Allston	Luke A. Diel	Todd E. Leach	Hudson A. Potter
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Isabel A. Brooke	Linda G. Leach	Brooklyn E. Potter	Lillian J. H. Werling
Jeffrey T. Brown	Nadia J. Leach	Daniel S. Potter	

19th Annual Golf Outing, Silent Auction, and Buffet Dinner in Support of Hosanna House

..... *Saturday, September 8, at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport*
Shotgun Start at 8:30 a.m.; Dinner served at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Not a golfer? Not a problem! Non-golfers are welcome to come just for the auction and dinner.

Cost for golf, cart, and dinner: \$85 • Cost for dinner only: \$15 per adult, \$7 per child (10 and under)

Registration deadline is August 26; forms are available in the Narthex and Sharp Atrium. For details, visit www.shadysidepres.org/golf-outing or contact Carla Gedman or JoAnn Patross through the church office.

Hole sponsors are greatly appreciated at \$150 per hole; Angel sponsorship is \$1,000.

Church Calendar

..... July 8 - 15

TODAY <i>July 8</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium
MONDAY	9:15 a.m.	PRISM International Moms' Group in the Nursery Room
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group in the Craig Room
	12:45 p.m.	Freedom Camp Volunteers at Valley View Presbyterian Church in Garfield
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Group in the Walton Library
SUNDAY <i>July 15</i>	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:20 a.m.	Chapel Worship for preschool through 2 nd grade
	12:00 p.m.	Special Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Time of Fellowship in the Sharp Atrium

Daily Prayer Lectionary Readings

..... July 8 - 15

Sunday, July 8 Psalms 108; 150 Numbers 27:12-23 Acts 19:11-20 Mark 1:14-20	Tuesday, July 10 Psalms 12; 146 Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34 Romans 8:31-39 Matthew 23:13-26	Thursday, July 12 Psalms 116; 147:12-20 Deuteronomy 3:18-28 Romans 9:19-33 Matthew 24:1-14	Saturday, July 14 Psalms 63; 149 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Romans 10:14-21 Matthew 24:32-51
Monday, July 9 Psalms 62; 145 Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27 Romans 8:26-30 Matthew 23:1-12	Wednesday, July 11 Psalms 96; 147:1-11 Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Romans 9:1-18 Matthew 23:27-39	Friday, July 13 Psalms 84; 148 Deut. 31:7-13, 24-32:4 Romans 10:1-13 Matthew 24:15-31	Sunday, July 15 Psalms 103; 150 Joshua 1:1-18 Acts 21:3-15 Mark 1:21-27

Church Staff

Conrad C. Sharps, *Senior Pastor*
Todd E. Leach, *Associate Pastor for Missions*
John F. Magnuson, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*
Lynn M. Portz, *Associate Pastor for Parish Life*
Ellen L. Allston, *Director of Christian Education for Children's Ministry*
Mark A. Anderson, *Director of Music Ministry*
Robert K. Anderson, *Head Sexton*
Peter F. Bodnar, *Director of Communications*
Jane M. Boyle, *Director of Children's Handbell Choir*
Steven M. Bright, *Hospitality Coordinator*
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Judy A. Brust, *Accountant*
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Della L. Ellard, *Administrative Assistant*
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Sonja Lipski, *Infant Ministry*
Dennis H. Martin, *Sexton*
Bobby C. Pack Jr., *Sexton*
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Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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